GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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HIV through Blood Transfusion
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of persons across the country have been infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) while getting blood transfusions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the transfusion of contaminated blood and lack in proper screening of blood by National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) has resulted in increase of HIV patients; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check unsafe blood transfusion practices in hospitals across the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): No, however the Government is aware of the limitations of available testing methods while screening of blood units for HIV in Blood Banks as a result of which possibility of HIV transmission during blood transfusion cannot be completely ruled out.

(b): No

(c): Does not arise